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Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.56, the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the cited documents are enclosed.

The two references cited on the attached PTO-1449 were cited in a European Search Report, dated 20 April 2001, for corresponding European Patent Application No. EP 00830728.2. Since DE 200 03 754 U1 is not in the English language, the Applicant is meeting its burden under 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3) to provide a concise explanation of the relevance of this German reference by submitting the enclosed English copy of the European Search Report indicating the degree of relevance found by the European Patent Office. See MPEP § 609(III)(A)(3). The other publication, GB 1,152,333 is in English.

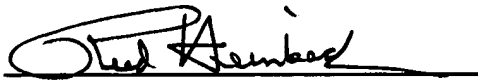


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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the attached form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate marks.

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Respectfully submitted,

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